

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:
2 analyzing a document into an ordered sequence of words, each word having an
3 associated syllable count; and
4 storing the ordered sequence of words and the associated syllable counts in a
5 document database.

1 2. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in analyzing, a syllable dictionary is
2 utilized to provide a syllable count for each word.

1 3. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in analyzing, the document is parsed
2 into a number of phrases.

1 4. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in storing, the database comprises a
2 plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered syllable count
3 listing.

1 5. A method comprising:
2 a computing device receiving a search string including an ordered sequence of syllable
3 counts; and
4 using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from a database a document
5 uniquely represented by the search string.

1 6. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in receiving, the search string includes
2 a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1 7. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in receiving, the search string includes
2 two words in place of each respective word's syllable count.

1 8. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in using, the database comprises a
2 plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered syllable count
3 listing.

1 9. The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in using, each database record
2 comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic work, a
3 motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1 10. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in using, the input ordered sequence of
2 syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of syllable counts
3 within the database.

1 11. The method recited in claim 5 wherein the computing device comprises a
2 display, and wherein the method further comprises:
3 displaying the document via the display.

1 12. The method recited in claim 11 wherein, in using, a plurality of documents are
2 retrieved, and wherein the method further comprises:
3 displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1 13. A computing device including a memory to store a database, and a user
2 interface, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:
3 receiving via the user interface a search string including an ordered sequence of
4 syllable counts; and
5 using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from the database a document
6 uniquely represented by the search string.

1 14. The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in receiving, the search
2 string includes a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1 15. The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in using, the database
2 comprises a plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered
3 syllable count listing.

1 16. The computing device recited in claim 15 wherein, in using, each database
2 record comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic
3 work, a motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1 17. The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in using, the input ordered
2 sequence of syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of
3 syllable counts within the database.

1 18. The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein the computer program
2 further comprises the operation of:
3 displaying the document via the user interface.

1 19. The computing device recited in claim 18 wherein, in using, a plurality of
2 documents are retrieved, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation
3 of:
4 displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1 20. A computer network including a computing device having a user interface, and
2 a remote computing device having a remote memory to store a database and a computer
3 program, the computer network executing the computer program and comprising the
4 operations of:
5 receiving via the user interface a search string including an ordered sequence of
6 syllable counts; and

7 using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from the database a document
8 uniquely represented by the search string.

1 21. The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in receiving, the search
2 string includes a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1 22. The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in using, the database
2 comprises a plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered
3 syllable count listing.

1 23. The computer network recited in claim 22 wherein, in using, each database
2 record comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic
3 work, a motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1 24. The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in using, the input ordered
2 sequence of syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of
3 syllable counts within the database.

1 25. The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein the computer program
2 further comprises the operation of:
3 displaying the document via the user interface.

1 26. The computer network recited in claim 25 wherein, in using, a plurality of
2 documents are retrieved, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation
3 of:
4 displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1 27. An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated
2 instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:
3 receiving a search string including an ordered sequence of syllable counts; and

4 using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from a database a document
5 uniquely represented by the search string.

1 28. The article of claim 27 wherein, in using, a pattern-matching algorithm
2 matches the input ordered sequence of syllable counts with at least one corresponding ordered
3 sequence of syllable counts within the database.

1 29. The article of claim 27 wherein the machine comprises a display, and wherein
2 the instructions, when accessed, result in the machine performing:
3 displaying the document via the display.

1 30. The article of claim 27 wherein the machine comprises a display;
2 wherein, in using, a plurality of documents are retrieved; and
3 wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in the machine performing:
4 generating a list of best-matched hits; and
5 displaying the list of best-matched hits via the display.